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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : Third World Data Base

1. I am pleased to hear that you strongly endorse the development of a Third World social-demographic data base at the Bureau of the Census. As you know, the DDI too supports this program and in fact is carrying through with the commitment made last year to provide [] in FY82 funding. While the DDI budget for FY83 has been trimmed back, we are trying to restore funding of this program, possibly to the [] originally envisioned as CIA's portion. Given your interest in the establishment of a demographic data base, I assume that you are reviewing your own FY82 financial priorities (I understand that DIA lost the [] pledged to Census) and will try to recover a similar amount for FY83.

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2. While I agree with the sentiments expressed in the letters you attached, I think we need to clarify our immediate commitments to this program and to work out further details concerning computerization of the data base before scaling the FY84 effort and contacting other agencies. It probably would be desirable somewhere down the pike to have OMB directly assign funding of this effort to the Commerce Department budget; this would protect Census' ability to collect data and to avoid any potential for foreign policy embarrassment.

3. It was good to hear from you, and I encourage DIA to jointly cooperate with the DDI on other important projects in the future.

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